

SENATE BILL 6285

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By Senators Eide, Poulsen, Morton, Rockefeller, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Brown, Haugen, Berkey, Keiser, Prentice, Fairley, Kastama, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Thibaudeau, Spanel, Regala, Kline, Shin, Sheldon, Mulliken, Franklin, Roach and Oke; by request of Governor Gregoire

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1 AN ACT Relating to low-income home energy assistance; amending RCW
2 80.01.080; adding a new section to 2005 c 518 (uncodified); making an
3 appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to 2005 c 518
6 (uncodified) to read as follows:

7 **FOR THE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

8 Public Service Revolving Account--State
9 Appropriation \$7,600,000

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 80.01.080 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 s 940 are each
11 amended to read as follows:

12 There is created in the state treasury a public service revolving
13 fund. Regulatory fees payable by all types of public service companies
14 shall be deposited to the credit of the public service revolving fund.
15 Except for expenses payable out of the pipeline safety account, all
16 expense of operation of the Washington utilities and transportation
17 commission shall be payable out of the public service revolving fund.

1 During the 2003-2005 fiscal biennium, the legislature may transfer
2 from the public service revolving fund to the state general fund such
3 amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the fund.

4 Due to the extraordinarily high winter energy costs, during the
5 2005-2007 fiscal biennium, no more than seven million six hundred
6 thousand dollars, as appropriated in section 1 of this act, shall be
7 payable out of the public service revolving fund to provide energy
8 assistance to customers in accordance with the low-income energy
9 assistance program.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 immediately.

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